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**MEMORANDUM FOR: DDP/EBM**

**VIA: Chief, CA Staff**

**SUBJECT: Recommendations to General Lansdale**

1. In General Lansdale's office this morning, I was shown a paper from the Secretary of Defense to all of the principal offices in the Department which lists some fifty critical problems, and assigns specific responsibility for each problem to 1 or 2 offices. The item on the attached sheet is No. 27 on the listing and responsibility has been assigned to General Lansdale who has indicated that he would be glad to have our views on any of the subparagraphs to be considered for inclusion in his reply to Secretary McNamara.

2. In general, I feel that our position with regard to the subparagraphs should be as follows:

a. It is hoped that the paper now being produced jointly by CIA, State, and Defense will come up with recommendations for clear assignment of responsibilities.

b. This is not properly a matter for CIA but it is our hope that General Lansdale's new office in DOD will be clearly designated both within the Pentagon and to other agencies as the point of contact on 5412 matters.

c. Without a definition or breakdown of operations, we cannot comment on the adequacy of "force requirements".

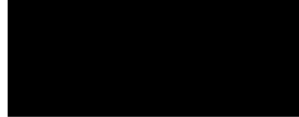
d. Again, we are not in a position to comment. (This might be discussed with Sam Hines who might know as to just what funds DOD is planning to provide.)

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3. It is recommended that you informally discuss the above with General Lansdale at your next meeting with him.

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